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Bangkok, 23 May 2014 (Phase I)
Agenda item 1
Opening of the session

Draft report

Organization of phase I of the seventieth session of the Commission

A. Attendance and organization of work

1. Owing to the special circumstances in Bangkok, the seventieth session was held in two phases. Phase I was held at the United Nations Conference Centre (UNCC) in Bangkok on 23 May 2014, and Phase II was scheduled to be held from 4 to 8 August 2014.

2. The session was attended by representatives of the following members and associate members:[1]

Members

[Afghanistan]
[Armenia]
[Australia]
[Azerbaijan]
[Bangladesh]
[Bhutan]
[Brunei Darussalam]
[Cambodia]
[China]
[Democratic People's Republic of Korea]
[Fiji]
[France]
[India]
[Indonesia]
[Iran (Islamic Republic of)]
[Japan]
[Kazakhstan]
[Kiribati]
[Lao People's Democratic Republic]
[Malaysia]

[1] The list of countries/organizations attending the session is tentative and will be updated on 23 May 2014 with those in actual attendance.

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[Marshall Islands]
[Mongolia]
[Myanmar]
[Nauru]
[Nepal]
[Netherlands]
[Pakistan]
[Papua New Guinea]
[Philippines]
[Republic of Korea]
[Russian Federation]
[Samoa]
[Singapore]
[Solomon Islands]
[Sri Lanka]
[Thailand]
[Timor-Leste]
[Turkey]
[Turkmenistan]
[Tuvalu]
[United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland]
[United States of America]
[Uzbekistan]
[Vanuatu]
[Viet Nam]
Associate members
[Hong Kong, China]
[Macao, China]

3. By virtue of rule 3 of the Commission's rules of procedure, representatives of [Austria] and [ ] attended.

4. The session was attended by representatives of the following offices of the United Nations Secretariat: [Economic Commission for Africa; Economic and Social Commission for Western Asia; Economic Commission for Europe; Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean; Office of the High Representative for the Least Developed Countries, Landlocked Developing Countries and Small Island Developing States; and Regional Commissions New York Office.]

5. Representatives of the following United Nations bodies attended: [Joint United Nations Programme on HIV/AIDS; United Nations Children's Fund; United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification; United Nations Development Programme; United Nations Environment Programme; and United Nations Human Settlements Programme.]

6. Representatives of the following specialized agencies were present in a consultative capacity: [Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations; International Finance Corporation; International Maritime Organization; International Telecommunication Union; United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization; United Nations Industrial Development Organization; Universal Postal Union; and World Health Organization.]

7. The following intergovernmental organizations attended as observers: [Asian Development Bank; Centre on Integrated Rural Development for Asia and the Pacific; Conference on Interaction and Confidence-building Measures in Asia; Coordinating Committee for Geosciences Programmes in

East and South-East Asia; Eurasian Economic Commission; Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development; WMO/ESCAP Panel on Tropical Cyclones; and ESCAP/WMO Typhoon Committee.]

8. In accordance with rule 13 of its rules of procedure, the Commission elected Mr. Kazi Imtiaz Hossain (Bangladesh) as Chair of Phase I. Ms. Jocelyn S. Batoon-Garcia (Philippines) and Mr. Veali Vagi (Papua New Guinea) were elected Vice-Chairs of Phase I.

9. The Executive Secretary delivered a welcome statement.

B. Agenda

10. The Commission adopted the following agenda:

Senior officials segment

1. Opening of the session:
   - (a) Opening addresses;
   - (b) Election of officers;
   - (c) Adoption of the agenda.
2. Special Body on Least Developed, Landlocked Developing and Pacific Island Developing Countries:
   - (a) Preparations for the Third International Conference on Small Island Developing States, Samoa, 2014;
   - (b) Sustainable management of oceans for sustainable development and poverty eradication;
   - (c) Development issues relevant to least developed countries;
   - (d) Development issues relevant to landlocked developing countries;
   - (e) The perspectives of Asia-Pacific least developed, landlocked developing and Pacific island developing countries in the context of the development agenda beyond 2015;
   - (f) Other matters.
3. Review of issues pertinent to the subsidiary structure of the Commission, including the work of the regional institutions:
   - (a) Macroeconomic policy, poverty reduction and inclusive development;
   - (b) Trade and investment;
   - (c) Transport;
   - (d) Environment and development;
   - (e) Information and communications technology;
   - (f) Disaster risk reduction;
   - (g) Social development;
   - (h) Statistics;

(i) Subregional activities for development.

4. Management issues:

(a) Report on the evaluation activities of ESCAP during the biennium 2012-2013;

(b) Programme changes for the biennium 2014-2015;

(c) Draft strategic framework for the biennium 2016-2017;

(d) Technical cooperation activities of ESCAP and announcement of intended contributions.

5. Evaluation pursuant to resolution 67/4: Establishment of the Asian and Pacific centre for the development of disaster information management.

6. Activities of the Advisory Committee of Permanent Representatives and Other Representatives Designated by Members of the Commission.

7. Dates, venue and theme topic for the seventy-first session of the Commission (2015).

Ministerial segment

8. Policy issues for the Asia-Pacific region:

(a) Key challenges to inclusive and sustainable economic and social development in Asia and the Pacific;

(b) Economic and Social Survey of Asia and the Pacific 2014.

9. Theme topic for the seventieth session of the Commission: "Regional connectivity for shared prosperity".

10. Other matters.

11. Adoption of the report of the Commission.

11. The following agenda items were considered at Phase I:

3. Review of issues pertinent to the subsidiary structure of the Commission, including the work of the regional institutions:

(a) Macroeconomic policy, poverty reduction and inclusive development;

4. Management issues:

(a) Report on the evaluation activities of ESCAP during the biennium 2012-2013;

(b) Programme changes for the biennium 2014-2015;

(c) Draft strategic framework for the biennium 2016-2017;

5. Evaluation pursuant to resolution 67/4: Establishment of the Asian and Pacific centre for the development of disaster information management;

6. Activities of the Advisory Committee of Permanent Representatives and Other Representatives Designated by Members of the Commission;

7. Dates, venue and theme topic for the seventy-first session of the Commission (2015);

10. Other matters;

11. Adoption of the report of the Commission.

C. Adoption of the report

12. The report on Phase I of the seventieth session was adopted at the second plenary meeting on 23 May 2014.